



GOD'S LOVE

DO NOT WAIT

*Do not say the words when breath is gone  
 That you would have said  
 Had you known. While he was here  
 A word was needed—the heart to cheer,  
 But now is useless and dead.*

*Do not wait to give the flowers bright,  
 And honor the clay,  
 For they cannot renew breath  
 And are not needed after that death  
 Has gathered the soul away.*

*'Tis not how large or small is the deed—  
 'Tis enough, my friend,  
 That the thing today is done  
 While the soul lives and may view the sun,  
 Ere the day called life shall end.*

—HOYT REDMOND.

THE GROUND OF

EPH.2:20

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1 Tim.3:15

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*"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it," Eccl. 12:7.*

# NOTICES . . .

## Notice

As in previous years, the books of the General Headquarters of the Church of God will close at noon, July 31, 1946. All District and State Convention offerings for missions and orphanage should be sent in in time to reach our office not later than the above date.

For the past two years, the State Overseers were asked to bring their State Convention mission offerings with them to the Assembly, but that act has been repealed and we are now asking you to send said offerings directly to the Church of God General Secretary and Treasurer.

All monies intended for Publishing House accounts should be sent directly to the Church of God Publishing House.

E. J. BOEHMER,  
General Secretary and  
Treasurer.

The New England Camp Meeting and State Convention will convene in Appleton, Maine, at the Church of God camp-ground, July 22-28. There will be different speakers present from meeting to meeting, with Rev. John C. Jernigan, General Overseer of the Church of God, present for the convention, 26-28. We are also expecting several overseers from different states and ministers and friends as well to be with us.

We are looking for this to be an outstanding meeting to the saving of souls, sanctifying, and baptizing with the Holy Ghost.

Every one is cordially invited to attend. Come and enjoy the feast with us in the Lord.—J. B. Camp, Overseer.

## Wanted

A three-room house trailer for gospel work. Address: Rev. J. O. Thomas, 901 4th Ave., Juniata, Altoona, Pa.

## DEATHS

### Creasman

The death angel took our brother in the Lord. He leaves a wife and four children. When last I talked with him, Brother Gordon Creasman said he was ready to go.

Please remember his family in prayer.—Edison Creasman, Graysville, Tenn.

## Harpser

Mrs. Effie Mae Harpser went home to be with Jesus, July 1, 1946, age fifty-three years. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Juniata, Pa.—Her pastor, Rev. J. O. Thomas.

## Alewine

Orion Alewine passed to his reward November 25, 1945. He was planning to get back into the work of the Lord soon.

May God bless Sister Alewine and comfort her, and help her that she will be able to carry on for God.—One who loves her, Myrtle Whitehead, Hartwell, Ga.

## Requests for Prayer

### PRAY FOR:

The healing of my daughter's body of infantile paralysis; also my baby that has an injured back.—Rev. and Mrs. M. D. Garner, Rt. 2, Eudora, Ark.

The healing of my eyes.—Miss Wanda Boyles, 503 Second St., Portsmouth, Va.

The healing of a very serious stomach disorder and for my head; also an unspoken request, and for the Lord to give my daughter physical strength.—Mrs. Viola Cantrell, Rt. 2, Heflin, Ala.

God to heal my mother's body.—Frances Wilson, 1817 W. Market St., Louisville 3, Ky.

That the Lord will undertake for me. My troubles seem more than I can bear but Jesus understands.—Hazel Mancil, State Battery Hospital, Ward 11-A, Rome, Ga.

The healing of a friend's body who is afflicted with cancer.—Minnie Lee Coker, Box 15, Boylston, Ala.

The Lord to save and heal my husband; an unspoken request.—Addie Williams, Polk City, Fla.

The Lord to heal Sister Denham, of Columbus, Kansas, who is suffering from heart trouble and T. B.; several other friends; also for Ira Marsh, who is in a serious condition and not expected to live.—Rev. L. J. Potts, Box 472, Weir, Kansas.

The healing of my eyes and stomach and also that I will receive the Holy Ghost.—Miss Melissa Ward, Parsons Home, Salisbury, Md.

The Lord to heal me of a heart condition.—Rev. H. L. Dillinger, 72 Alaska Street, Dayton 4, Ohio.

The Lord to heal me of a nervous condition.—J. R. Reynolds, Rt. 4, Box 189, Anniston, Ala.

The healing of my body.—Mr. C. A. Moran, R.F.D. 1, Box 175, Floyd, Va.

Two very urgent unspoken requests.—Miss Findley.

## REVIVAL

EASLEY, S. C.—We have just closed a three weeks' revival here with Rev. C. H. Hendrix as evangelist. There were twelve saved, eleven sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, twelve added to the church, and fourteen baptized in water.—Rev. J. W. Watkins, pastor, 4th West Ave.

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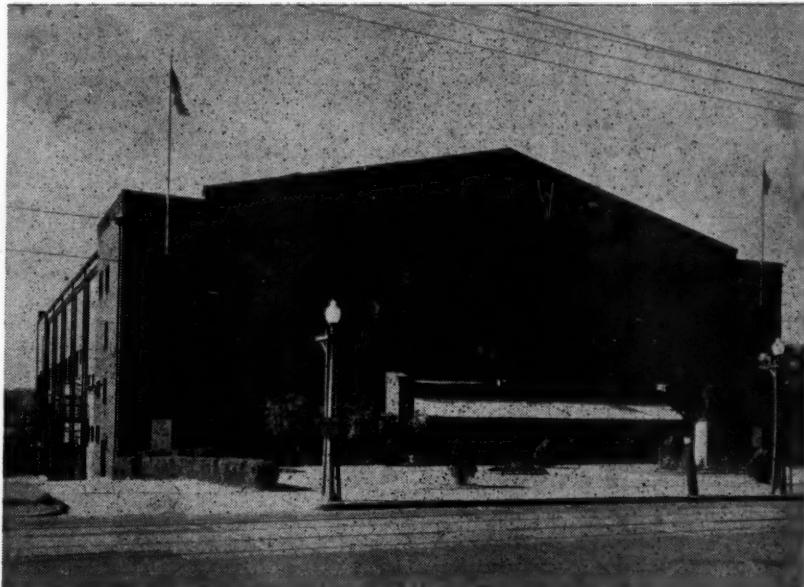
*August 29 - September 1*



**THE BISHOPS' COUNCIL** will be held in the large auditorium of Phillips High School, Birmingham, Ala., which is very adequate for the meeting, and within easy walking distance of the auditorium, August 24, 9:30 a.m., through the 26th.

**THE YOUTH CONVENTION** will convene August 27, 9:30 a.m., through August 28, in the Municipal Auditorium, Birmingham, Ala.

**THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY** will open its regular session in the Municipal Auditorium, August 29 at 9:30 a.m. and will close September 1 at noon.



**MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, WHERE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL CONVENE**

It has been very difficult to arrange for the General Assembly this year. Your committee has contacted the authorities of several cities, and we sincerely believe that Birmingham is better prepared to entertain our Assembly than any other city contacted. The Chamber of Commerce, the Hotel Association and the City authorities are ready to cooperate with us in every way to entertain our delegation.

Hotels and restaurants in every city are crowded, and most cities are turning down the large conventions because of their inability to entertain them.

The General Assembly attendance will not be restricted this year; however, all will not find rooms in hotels. The Assembly Entertainment Committee, composed of the state overseer of Alabama and several pastors of the near-by local churches, will solicit hotels, rooming houses and private homes for rooms. Many will have to accept rooms in private homes. Some will have to drive to the suburbs of Birmingham, and others possibly to near-by cities. We want you to come to the General Assembly, but, remember, Birmingham is undertaking to do something for us that other cities have said could not be done. However, we believe that, with the cooperation we have there, the committee will be able to find rooms for everyone.

We suggest that each pastor contact members of his congregation, determine the exact number going to the General Assembly, and write or call the Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, Rev. J. T. Roberts, Box 2129, or phone 8-2361, Birmingham, Ala., as early as possible, giving in few words the number expected to attend the Assembly from your church, and the accommodations they would like to have. But remember, everyone will not get what they would like to have; it is not possible there nor anywhere else that we know of. We hope that you come to the General Assembly willing to sacrifice, and accept that which is available for your entertainment.

The Bishops' Council recommended last year that we have a Youth Convention in 1946. The Youth Committee, appointed to arrange this convention, discussed with the General Assembly Arrangements Committee the problems of a convention, and it was decided that the Youth Convention and General Assembly should be held together this year, with a hope that next year our young people can have a separate convention.

# RELIGION...

BY THE EDITOR

## and the World

### Sowing Atomic Fear

Harold Laskai, chairman of the Labor Party Executive in Britain, recently stated in an address in London that the United States had an atomic bomb that could wipe out both Indiana and Illinois, and that five such bombs could destroy the whole United States south of the Mason-Dixon Line. Washington is reported to have denied the presence of such a bomb. There exists a great fear, however, that Prof. Laskai's words were not merely "fiction." Nations have today reached a place of fear of what they themselves have created as instruments of war. This is particularly true of the United States. What we invented as a weapon against our enemies is now feared may be copied and used against us. Thus we reap the fearful effects of what we have heaped upon our enemies. The day when the Lord "shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: . . . Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore," Isa. 2:4, is a thing which will be welcomed as the solution to the world's ills. Even Stalin could but acknowledge that this world would be better than he has promised.

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### Palestine

A little country with 10,400 square miles, and having a population of 1,809,000 as of 1945, of whom 1,035,000 are Moslems; 553,000 Jews; 139,000, Christians; 67,000 Bedouin nomads, and 15,000 others, has become the topic of world discussion. This country is the home of the Jewish religion, and for whom the Jews and many friends contend it should be given for a national home. Some, however, have contended that Palestine belongs to Jews, Christians, Catholics, etc., of all lands. This may, in some sense, be true, but God promised this land to Abraham and his seed for a national home. The Jews, therefore, have a claim upon Palestine such as no one else has. With an estimated 500,000 Jews homeless, as a result of the

European war scourge in which another 6,000,000 are reported to have lost their lives. The Jews are within their God-given rights when they contend for Palestine. Britain, with a mandate over Palestine, has an obligation to perform. The United States, as a partner in UN, is also bound up in the Palestinian issue. Russia, also, has a voice now, and if Britain and the United States do not help the Jews, then be sure that Stalin will, unto whom they are now looking and inquiring for help. These are fateful days. The seeds of World War III are in the making.

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### Dragon Politics

Wendell Wilkie wrote a book, "One World." UN has incorporated a kind of a world system of governing affairs. Winston Churchill, speaking at the observance of the sixth anniversary of the Nazi invasion of the Netherlands, said: "I see no reason why, under the guardianship of a world organization, there should not arise the United States of Europe, both of the East and the West, which will unify this continent such as never known since the Roman Empire. It will give you prosperity, justice and peace." Seth Ramkreshna Dalmia, of India, the great multimillionaire industrialist, has now offered to mediate for the uniting of the Hindu and Moslem people of India. It is his hope to see "one day the abolition of all territorial system," with various nations of the world welded into one unit, owing allegiance to one flag and the one God, using one currency and, ultimately, one language." Into this political enigma we cast the Russian move for world Communism, along side of the temporarily defeated Nazism and Fascism, all of which advocate a world government. This is the dragon idea of a world order, over which he purposes to set antichrist, who, as a potential world ruler, will demand the worship God alone has a right to expect. See Rev. 13:2. These are tragic days.

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### Third World War

Officers now talk of Third World

War, which may be more than wistful thinking. Russia is now the world problem. A war with Russia would be a war with all the Communists wherever located. Evil days are upon

"BRITISH PRISONER OF WAR CAMP, Zeeuwsch, Belgium, June 21.—High ranking German officers, the men who converted Hitler's dreams of conquest into the roar of battle, claim another World War is inevitable.

"Maj. Gen. Hellmuth Reinhardt, former chief of the general staff in Denmark, said there would not be a long peace 'because there is too much friction between the East and West.'

"A dozen staff officers told me, while on a tour of this POW camp, that the third World War is coming, but they hastily added, 'Of course, we want no more war.'

"The general staff does not hope for another war, because that war would be fought over Germany," Reinhardt said. "We lie in the middle. Germany's salvation lies in the West. We must tie to the West. The Russians are taking many Germans to the East. It would be impossible to tie to the East."

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### Religious Freedom in Hungary

Seventh-day Adventists, Nazarenes, and other small sects have been granted full freedom of activity in Hungary.

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### Bible in Latin America

The American Bible Society reports that the next three years will call for about 235,412 Bibles, 324,610 Testaments, and 3,249,575 Scripture portions annually, in the Latin American countries.

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# Consecration

Grace Richard

## WHY ARE WE NOT CONSECRATED?

### I. Neglect of Duty.

Ezekiel 34:4, "The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them."

We see many Christians at "ease in Zion" today. They seem to be satisfied with their weakness and yet we are told to be strong in the Lord. They are not willing to meet the conditions necessary to obtain a consecrated life. Too much of self has enveloped their lives; no time for the duty that the love of Christ commands us to do. They have no time to visit the diseased, no time to fast and pray for the sick. They have also failed to give words of cheer to the broken-hearted and have failed to seek those who were driven away. They have not gone out and sought lost souls and showed love and tender mercy toward them. They have sold their blessing for a life of ease. Many fathers and mothers are not kind and merciful to their own lost children, but rule them with force and cruelty and drive them from God. If we are consecrated, our children will see Christ in us. Children are yearning for love and oh how sad to see parents who do not have the love of Christ in their hearts. They have failed to do the duty of a Christian and, therefore, have grown cold, no longer being able to impart that love to others. No time for Christ, all for self.

Matt. 25:43, "I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison,

and ye visited me not." Are you helping the stranger, clothing the poor, visiting the sick and those behind prison bars? Many people in hospitals would be glad for prayer and a few kind words. Prisons are full of hungry hearts waiting for someone to tell them the glad news that would roll their heavy burden of sin away. Matt.



7:26, "And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand." We must obey the sayings of Jesus to be consecrated. If we neglect our Christian duty, we will grow cold and finally fall away.

### II. Neglect To Pray and Seek God.

Dan. 9:13, "As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come up-

on us: yet made we not our prayer before the Lord our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth."

God was so merciful to the children of Israel and yet they would not seek Him. They were God's people who knew the law or "the way." They knew evil had come upon them because they failed to pray and turn to God wholeheartedly. God's people today are lulled to sleep by the enemy. They know their condition and will not seek God and understand His truth. They are wrapped up in the affairs of this world. They find other things to put their mind on and will not put forth an earnest effort to seek God with all their hearts. They are expecting to get to heaven on a carpet of gold, but we must go the way of the cross. We must deny self, keep self crucified and let the Christ-life in us shine by helping others. Christ set the example for us. We are to "pray without ceasing." He went apart and prayed. He knelt and prayed. We find Him praying as He worked. His work was not without prayer to His Father, our God.

If Christ, being holy from birth, being the Son of God, yet taking on human flesh, prayed so much, don't we need to pray more? How can we expect to keep the faith if we do not pray. Christians have grown cold because they have neglected to pray. They have grown weary of serving God. Isaiah 43:22, "But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of me, O Israel." No time to call on God, too busy laying up treasures in this old sin-

ful world, thinking of their worldly goods and at ease when their souls are on the sinking sand.

## HOW CAN WE CONSECRATE OURSELVES WHOLLY UNTO GOD?

### I. Obey Teachings of Jesus Christ.

Ezekiel 34:16, "I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that

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# Stumbling and Falling

CHESTER SHULER

*"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand," Psalm 37:23, 24.*

Some years ago, a lady fell from the balcony of her home to the earth beneath, a distance of some dozen or more feet, without serious injury. The newspapers made considerable of the story. It was considered "news," not simply because the lady had fallen or even because she escaped serious harm as a result; but because she was a cripple, and had fallen many times—so frequently, in fact, that she had become a sort of expert at falling in a way whereby she seldom was much the worse for her mishap.

One of the first things the football coach teaches the beginning player is how to fall properly. In football, falling is a part of the game; and there is a correct and an incorrect method of taking tumbles.

There may be some Christians who have never stumbled or fallen spiritually, but we believe that the most of us have done so at one time or another. Our falls have not been due, of course, to any inability of the Lord Jesus Christ to keep us from falling, but rather they have been our own fault. We have not walked "uprightly" (Psa. 84:11), or perhaps we have not walked closely enough to Jesus (Matt. 26:58). Anyway, we can be certain that something was wrong with our method of walking, because Christ is able to keep us from falling or stumbling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy (Jude 1:24). Our falls are no wise His fault.

Now, certainly, no true follower of the Master deliberately wishes or desires to stumble or to fall (Rom. 11:11). It is much more comfortable to walk

uprightly and to have our steps ordered by the Lord (Psa. 37:23). We may not forget that the enemy of our souls, Satan, is eager to see us slip, stumble, and fall. He ever seeks to plant pitfalls in our path. He has underhanded methods, sly manners, deceitful ways; his wiles are unlimited and diversified; he seldom attacks the same victim twice in the same manner.

Since, therefore, stumbling, slipping, or even falling, form potential dangers for the Christian, is it not wise to think about ways of preventing and avoiding these dangers? We believe that it is, and in this article we shall, with the Lord's help, endeavor to point out a few things which we pray may be helpful to someone along life's slippery path.

*Overconfidence* is like a bit of smooth ice hidden underneath a covering of light snow. The fall of the overconfident Christian is just about as sudden. "Let him that *thinketh he standeth* take heed lest he fall," was a bit of Paul's advice (1 Cor. 10:12). Satan loves to attack the Christian at the very point where he *thinks* his armor is best! Perhaps that is a reason why he so often succeeds in his attacks. A military strategist watches for the chance to combine surprise with his offensive tactics against the enemy. He knows that in the element of surprise he has much in his favor. The overconfident Christian—the one with too much confidence in his own strength, wisdom, sagacity, knowledge, ability, accomplishments—is a vulnerable target for the darts of the wicked one. We need to keep our confidence in God. If we do this, we cannot become overconfident. "For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken," Prov. 3:26. "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man," Psa. 118:8.

*Human stumbling-blocks* cause some to fall. Perhaps no type of physical fall is more jarring to the nervous system, and sometimes injurious to the body, than to be unexpectedly tripped by some object. The football player tackles his opponent. Unseen and unexpected objects in our path prostrate us quickly, particularly if we are walking in darkness. We need to watch the type of company we keep. Fellowshiping with the wrong sort of folks is dangerous. Satan loves to plant human stumbling-blocks at unexpected places for us to fall over. But there is another side to this thought: it is even worse for a Christian to become a

stumbling-block than to fall over one. The Holy Spirit, writing through Paul's pen, had considerable to tell us about this danger. "But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling-block to them that are weak . . . when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ," 1 Cor. 8:9, 12. "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak," Rom. 14:21. A weak brother does not expect to find a stumbling-block in a fellow Christian; therefore, such an one becomes a hidden or unexpected obstacle over which he can fall. If he is new in the Christian life, no doubt he is looking to those who have had more experience for some sort of example. To some extent, he is following in their steps. Small wonder, then, that Paul declares such stumbling-blocks sin against the Lord Himself! 1 Cor. 8:12.

*A desire for riches* often causes stumbling and sometimes falling—in temptation and sin. "They that are minded to be rich fall into a temptation and a snare and many foolish and hurtful lusts, such as drown men in destruction and perdition," 1 Tim. 6:9, R.V. "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows," 1 Tim. 6:10. Many wealthy Christians do not stumble or fall over their wealth—because they do not LOVE riches. Instead, they use their money to God's glory, with great blessing upon themselves and others. Note, the Book warns against being "*minded to be rich*"—having as our chief aim in life to amass wealth at any cost. It is the love of money, not the money itself, that is the root of all evil. A pauper can be guilty of loving the few pennies he possesses; a millionaire can be kept free from this false love. The *desires* of the heart must be watched carefully, if we would walk uprightly and safely these days.

*Heart-hardening* often leads to a spiritual fall. Hardening of the physical arteries is dangerous and presages serious heart ailments. "Happy is the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall FALL into mischief," Prov. 28:14. Hardening of the spiritual heart is a forerunner of evil results. "Harden not your heart," Psa. 95:8. Hard-heartedness makes one unkind, cruel, selfish, unlovable, un-

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# The Second Coming of Christ

By Rev. W. P. Wilkins

Text: Rev. 1:7. Read Rev. 19:11-21.

In His relationship to the salvation of man, the work may be grouped under six fundamentals or six golden links in a great chain: (1) His birth, (2) death, (3) resurrection, (4) ascension, (5) Mediator, and (6) return to earth to celebrate where He fought the battle. The sixth fundamental, the return to earth, is what I wish to discuss in this message. Most all denominations believe in His return. Some differ, however, in the manner.

I. The Certainty: Just as certain as He did come! The Old Testament has twenty times as much to say about His second coming as about His first coming. Something about His second coming is said in every book in the Old Testament, either in type, picture or direct statement. One verse in every thirty in the New Testament mentions the second coming. Paul, who wrote about one-half of the New Testament, makes mention of it fifty times, but mentions the ordinance of baptism only thirteen times. There are 300 references in the New Testament and 1,500 in the Old Testament, a total of 1,800.

II. The Time of His Coming: You might like for me to set a definite date. I will not be able to do this. A few years past, notice was given that He was coming. Many disposed of their property, made white ascension robes, went to the mountains and waited all night on May 16, 1936. A great theologian signed all his letters, "Yours till the return of the Lord 1888." I think most all great evangelists agree on the premillennial coming. He could come now, and He may come while you are reading this.

III. Manner of His coming will be a personal coming. Acts 1:9-11, "This same Jesus." 1 Thess. 4:16, "The Lord himself." Titus 2:13, "Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Just as surely as He came the first time in sorrow, and there was no room for Him in the inn, just that surely He is coming in glory. Matt. 24:44, ". . . an hour when ye think not." Matt. 24:27, ". . . as the lightning." Matt. 24:43, ". . . as the thief in the night." The thief does not call and tell you he will be there. He comes when you are not expecting

him, and takes the best he can find. So will Jesus do.

IV. His first coming was quiet, a secret. Only Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise men, and a few others knew. The world took no general notice and went on as before. When thirty years old, Jesus walked sixty miles to be baptized of John in Jordan. Then God announced Him to the world as His only son. His first coming was a secret but the second for the whole world.

V. He shall return, first, in the air. None but the redeemed will know. This corresponds to His birth. The world will go on as before. Not a Christian will be left. The world has enough now, but will learn what it means to be here without one who knows Christ. The world will plunge madly into sin. The second corresponds to His second coming to the earth again. Rev. 20:5, "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished." John 11:25, 26. The saints, dead and living, precede this.

VI. At this time large numbers of the Jews will be back in the holy land. We are told that the wealth of the Dead Sea could buy the whole world and buy America four times. God gave it to Abraham and his descendants forever. Jesus' coming is the Jews' only hope. Since 606 B.C., the Jews have been under Gentile rule. 2 Thess. 2:4. The antichrist will break his covenant with the Jews and require all to worship him. They recognize him as a man and not God; refuse him. The Gentile nations will go into the holy land to take the wealth from the Jews and to destroy them, and will be gathered in the plain of Jezreel to fight.

VII. In the midst of the battle the second coming of Christ will take place. Joel 3; Zech. 14; also, Rev. 16, Armageddon. Out there in the distance, a cloud will come closer and closer to the earth. It will be Jesus riding a white horse with armies of heaven following. Jesus dismounts, sets foot on the mountain, it splits and becomes a great valley. The Jews

run down this valley to get away from the issuing. Suddenly the guns quit firing. Jews walk up to the stranger. He raises his hands. Zech. 13:6. Jews ask, "What are these scars in thy hands?" Jesus answers, "I received these in the house of my friends." They recognize Him and accept Him as their Messiah. Read Rev. 19:11-21. Praise God! He is King and Lord. All the fowls are called to eat the flesh of kings, captains, mighty men, horses, and them that sit on them and the flesh of all men. Verse 19. "The beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse and his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet." Also, Rev. 20:2. The devil cast alive into the lake of fire or bottomless pit. Rev. 19:21. And the remnant were slain. Praise God, I feel the power of His coming now.

## WASHINGTON STATE CONVENTION AND CAMP MEETING

The state convention and camp meeting for the State of Washington convened at Yakima, Wash., June 7-17. There was a wonderful spirit of love and fellowship throughout the entire meeting.

We were privileged to have with us our beloved General Overseer, Rev. J. C. Jernigan, and his family. They were a great blessing to us. Brother Jernigan preached some very inspiring messages. We regretted that they could not be with us for all of the meeting.

Rev. C. H. Blankenship, overseer of New York and New Jersey, was also with us as guest speaker for the camp meeting. His ministry was appreciated by everyone and fifteen souls were saved, six sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the church.

We were also glad to have with us Rev. Howard Statum, overseer of Idaho and Nevada, who brought us some soul-stirring messages. Rev. and Mrs. A. L. West, of Chicago, helped us with the preaching and special music and singing of the camp meeting.

Brother Blankenship's daughter, Elizabeth, and Miss Alice Kiser, of War, W. Va., were a great inspiration

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# Sober Christians

MRS. MABLE LANE

1 Peter 4:7, "But the end of all things is at hand; be ye therefore sober and watch unto prayer."

The wide-awake Christian is not to be told of or reminded of these things, but they are well aware of the forthcoming events. Those of us who are making the final sacrifices and living a life of faith and prayer have a moving of the Holy Spirit of the living God who tells us the "end is at hand" and signs of the times with present world conditions warn us to be "sober"; sober in mind and in spirit and in all things.

The meaning of the word sober is to be "grave" or "temperate." We've never witnessed the day that people were so drunken on cares and things of this life and this world, so wavering, so unstable, intemperate. The whole wide world, seemingly, has gone rampant in a rushing, hurrying turmoil of unrest, uneasiness. No one seems to know what anyone is up to next. Likewise, one nation has no confidence in another. Lasting contracts, peace treaties and abiding trust in each other is long a thing of the past.

Should we not wake up and put on the whole armor of God that we might be able to stand in the face of all these terrible things of the last days and fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal things that will establish our hearts in Christ until His blessed appearing to enrapture the saints out of this world of sin and ungodliness. Oh, bless His name!

Take for instance the man who is intoxicated (drunk). He does things and says things that only a drunken man would. He just isn't at himself. So it is from a spiritual standpoint. We are intoxicated with things of this world and are robbed of our pure mind, that sober mind that thinks soberly, seriously, and righteously. The drunken man sees no danger in anything at all and goes headlong into sin and crime but to his soon regret, for when he has sobered up, he finds himself in shame and degradation. And, also, those who are spiritually drunken will wake up or sober up one of these days much to their regret to find out the careless way of

living and their failing to live temperate and upright in this world and failing to give the more earnest heed to the warnings given them of the great dangers ahead of them, has caused them to be overtaken by the overflowing scourge of God's great wrath which will sweep them into endless destruction. My friend, wake up and be sober for the end of all things is at hand. God's great finger has pointed out the day on the face of His eternal "time piece." We cannot deny world-wide prophecy's being fulfilled, the ever increasing world-wide conflicts, and we know this is the day spoken of, the time of the end.

1 Thess. 5:6 says, "Therefore let us not sleep as do others, but let us watch and be 'sober'." May God give us sober minds for then we will have minds that are righteous and godly. Why is it more important now than ever before to live soberly? Because we are nearer the end. Our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The time will come when Jesus will come in the clouds of glory. You and I and others who are ready, will pray our last prayer, preach our last sermon, bear our last burden, shed the last tears. Oh, praise God! The end of this warfare is not far away and we will put away our old sword and exchange our cross for a crown and spend the endless ages with those who lived a righteous life in this world, stayed awake and stayed on watch, kept their lamps trimmed and burning brightly, listening for that cry, "Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him," Matt. 25:6.

1 Thess. 5:2 says, "The day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night." And remember at the midnight hour the cry was heard, "Go ye out to meet him." Those that were foolish slumbered and slept. Beloved, we are somewhere close to the midnight hour. The night is the darkest and all people slumbering the hardest, so beware of drowsiness and enticing spirits of this world that lure us into a state of drunkenness and don't care, lest you wake up too late and find that your light has gone out and you begin to try to trim your lamps (pray) and find your oil is completely leaked out (a drying up of our experience with God, our salvation) and it's too

late to purchase more. In the meantime, the enemy has already rocked his captives of millions and billions into the very highest crises of drunken sleep, in a cradle of so-called contentment (worldly pleasures) with a lullaby of soothing jazz and other enticing predicaments of sin.

It's like the story I overheard of the famous orchestra on the great ship, sailing on the sea. All was well and the ship sailed through the briny deep with all ease. The passengers and crew aboard were carefree and listening to the strains of the orchestra as it played "Roll Out the Barrel." But listen, ere long the waves began to roll high and beat hard against the great ship and it wasn't long until all aboard were fully aware of the fact that a storm was on and everyone was in grave danger. There was praying instead of dancing and the same band that was playing "Roll Out the Barrel" began to change its tune and play "Nearer My God to Thee."

My friend, we are on the sea of life today. Waves of sin and severe temptations are rolling high. We are living in dangerous times. Let's wake up and get on our post of duty and be sober, for if we go on in carelessness and fail to give heed to the more vital, more needful eternal things and at last we are awakened by the very fact that our days of opportunity have past and the great door of mercy has forever closed against us, we will be as those aboard the great ship thousands of miles from the shore out on the miry deep of the sea. Our hopes will be forever perished. We will change our tune and cry and pray, but alas, 'twill be too late.

In closing, please allow me to refer you to another scripture that bears on my mind. It is found in Paul's writing to Titus 2:11-13, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." May God help us to live sober lives and with pure hearts and minds be ready for His blessed appearing.

## THE MUSIC OF POETRY

Poetry is music in words; and music is poetry in sound; both excellent sauce, but they have lived and died poor that made them their meat.—F. Fuller.

# Comment

ELVIE JOWERS

My subject is not a popular one, but there is no subject in the Word of God so vital and, yet, so seldom approached. We would rather read and study of the glories of heaven than to discuss the terrors of hell fire. Perhaps no writer wrote more of the joys of salvation than David, the singer of Israel, but all the psalms are not songs of praise.

In Psalm 9:17, we read, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." This verse of scripture is a direct implication that punishment is administered after death, and that punishment consists of being confined to a place of torment. It does not say the righteous, but plainly says the wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. Hell is a place of punishment for the wicked.

God's Word says, "What is the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul?" We cannot understand why anyone should want to follow the ways of the hypocrite and make a false profession, least of all a false profession of being a Christian. It is a pitiful condition when one has lost his integrity and honesty of heart and mind, and no longer is susceptible of the truth. God will sift out the hypocrite and sweep away his false foundations, and he will be found in the same place with the outlaws and the profligate. Why can't they listen to their hearts and remember God's words, "The wicked shall be turned into hell."

Perhaps no words of scripture so vividly describe the tortures of hell as the story of the rich man and Lazarus, told by Jesus and recorded in the 16th chapter of Luke, beginning at the 19th verse. Lazarus, the beggar, was carried by the angels into a heavenly bliss, and was sheltered in the bosom of Abraham, where he was comforted

after his earthly suffering. The rich man, after death, found himself in hell, and to make his suffering more terrible, he could feel, he could see; he could see Abraham afar off and Lazarus in his bosom. He cried and said, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame."

There, in the eternal fires, the man who had once enjoyed all the pleasures and luxuries which this earth can afford, but had left God out of his thoughts and plans, now prayed. He prayed but his prayers were unanswered. He prayed too late. He had failed to provide for his soul's welfare. He was in hell. He prayed, but Abraham said, "Son, remember." Oh, the memories that will come to the burning brain of those who have rejected and carelessly spurned God's message of salvation and love! They will re-

member how they exchanged mercy for the trifling pleasures of this world. The rich man was reminded of the change that had taken place in their stations. The beggar had become the prince and the rich man had become the beggar.

Some day, those who have spurned and turned a cold shoulder to the hungry, thirsting Lazaruses will be beggars at the feet of mercy, begging for a drop of cold water to cool their parched tongues. This is not a bedtime story, but an eternal truth given from the lips of the divine Son of God, that we might be saved. There is a hell, but God has provided a Savior. Jesus came to save us from sin and its consequences.

Note this truth: "And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed," Luke 16:26. Friends, that gulf is fixed. God fixed it. Death determines forever upon which side of the gulf you will be for all eternity.

## The Baptism of the Holy Ghost

EARL A. CRIPPS

If there ever were a time when we ought to have a Bible standard for this experience, it is now. Many are claiming to have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost when they were converted, others when they received the second blessing, the laying on of hands, etc. But what saith the Scripture?

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, . . . they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."

"While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God."

And Paul said unto them, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" And when Paul had laid his

hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came upon them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied."

There is only one baptism of the Holy Ghost and that is the kind that Mary, the mother of Jesus, Peter, James, John, the one-hundred and twenty, Cornelius and all the saints received. God has a pattern for the great experience that all the prophets coveted, and even the angels desired to look into, and all through the Acts of the Apostles they received it "as at the beginning." This is that which was spoken by Joel, "In the last days, saith the Lord, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh." So, if you want a Bible baptism of the Holy Ghost, instead of the modern kind, God will give it to you. "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all them that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

In spite of those who are wrestling the scripture "do all speak with tongues," and those who will not enter into the experience themselves and would hinder those who would, there is a heart-hunger in every Christian that will not be satisfied short of a Bible Pentecost.

# B. T. S. Speaks . . .

## VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

(College Department)

By VIRGINIA GREEN

With a thrill of expectancy, we seniors donned our caps and gowns tonight, and when the strains of a martial air reached our ears we began marching, our hearts swelling with pride and a sense of achievement. We have felt repaid for burning the midnight oil, laboring diligently in our studies. Soon now, will come the climax of our school career. We shall receive our hard-earned or, perhaps, somewhat honorary diplomas.

Tomorrow, our caps and gowns will be returned, our diplomas will be framed and we shall tack pennants of our beloved Alma Mater upon the wall. Then, the seniors of the '46 class will catch step in another march—the great March of Human Destines. Today, with all of its excitement and well-wishing, has been a wonderful day, but tomorrow will be greater.

Tomorrow, we will face a world which they tell us we shall have to fight. They say it is a terrible world, full of discord and hatred, with little hope of peace. It isn't pleasant to think of facing such a world. However, although our future begins like the past, it soars on new wings and our job is to make the future different. Of course, there will be those who will describe change as calamity and the young as wild. Through no fault of our own, Time has made us a post-war generation, and post-war generations have always seemed, to the moralists, to be high-stepping down the Primrose Path; but don't be disturbed, classmates. I don't think we are as bad as that and, besides, this criticism of the young seems to be an old indoor sport. Not long ago a papyrus was discovered in the Valley of the Nile which archeologists say is the oldest record of human events extant. The ancient historian who wrote it had just two facts to lament—business was bad and children disobeyed their parents.

Fortunately, there are still standards worth fighting for and we are capable of fighting for them. Before us lies a new world worth making and in making it we can gain that elusive thing which all men seek—success. By success I don't mean what we shall have but what we shall be. In this great American democracy we have

just two criteria for judging success—accumulation and achievement; but what we make out of life, not how we make a living, is the significant factor in personal victory. The one thing that counts profoundly is character. The Old World himself needs character and it is only as we build Christlike character that the world can be made better.

Measuring success in the terms of wealth is not necessarily a fallacious procedure. Money honestly made and prudently saved indicates a certain type of genius. There is no virtue in poverty. Nevertheless, history has time and again proven that you cannot appraise the true value of a man's achievement by the price it will produce in an open market.

Europe produced two artists in the 19th Century with almost identical names. Milbias, an English portrait painter, was quite a vogue in court circles during his time. At the height of his career his yearly income was thirty thousand pounds. Millet, the great Flemish artist, was the Englishman's contemporary. Millet died from a disease brought on by malnutrition due to poverty, but when he died he left the two immortal canvases, "The Angelus" and "The Man with a Hoe." That all truly great people die in poverty is a false idea, but it is equally as erroneous to count wealth as a sure mark of success. Neither is what a man achieves always an indication of true success. Sometimes it is not a matter of victory or defeat, but how you fought and why.

A little widowed mother, who had toiled early and late to keep her little brood together, came finally one day upon death. In the dark hours, she called the minister to give her spiritual comfort. She told the minister of the days spent over the washtubs and the nights over the ironing-board, and confessed that in her struggle with poverty she had failed to attend church. Would that be against her when she faced the King? The minister assured her that she had been patient during hardships and that the door to the House of Many Mansions always stood open to those who loved and sacrificed and served.

"But what shall I say when I see Him," the little mother asked. The minister had been watching the woman's nervous-clutching hands—hands

that were calloused, rough, with nails torn by toil and hard work.

"Madam," he replied, "when you see the King say nothing. Just show Him your hands, show Him your hands."

So will we be finally judged, not by our achievements or failures, but by how bravely we fought our battles and how fully we lived up to our possibilities.

The man who makes the building of a Christlike character the supreme end of life will live in a conflict, but he is the one person who can get on top of his world and stay there. If pleasure is the supreme end of life, one may find, after drinking of life's spiced wines, that his mouth is filled with ashes and his heart with bitter disillusionment. Pleasures are only momentarily, fleeting, as burns said.

*"Pleasures are like poppies spread—  
You seize the flower, its bloom is shed:  
Or like the snow falls in the river—  
A moment white, then melts forever."*

Yes, Fate has a way of thwarting and defeating the ideals of mankind. The Midas touch has a way of failing just where it must succeed, if one is to be happy.

In the conflict of life there is just one great objective worth striving for and that is Christlike character. It is the one possession that even death cannot take from a man. A man's honor, his self-respect, his humility, his love for the beautiful, the good, the true; these are the assets that make up his real fortune.

A line from the close of Tennyson's "Idylls of the King," which he wrote in reference to Queen Victoria, reads:

*"O Loyal to Royal in thyself."*

Not every man can win fame by his achievements or earn great wealth, but every man can be true to the royal in himself. Shakespeare said, "First to thine own self be true, and it must follow as night the day—thou can't not then be false to any man."

Being true to one's self is no easy success. You can't dream yourself into a character. You must hammer and forge yourself into one. One is apt to make mistakes and blunders, but a single failure doesn't mean ultimate defeat any more than a momentary victory means final success. Napoleon used to say of his favorite general, Marshal Soxe: "I like him. He loses battles, but he wins wars." How true that is in successful living! No man

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# REVIVALS

CHARLESTON, Miss.—We have just closed a three weeks' revival at Friendship Church of God, which was the best revival this church has had in years. Truly we were made to sit together in heavenly places, as our souls were blessed night after night by the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. Brother Joe May, of Yazoo City, Miss., was our evangelist. He delivered soul-stirring messages that stirred the hearts of the people. Several were saved and sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, nine baptized in water, and eight added to the church. At the close of the revival, we were privileged to have our district pastor, Brother A. D. Gammill, with us, also we closed the revival with sacrament and feet washing.

We are thankful for the way God is blessing us here. Pray for us, that the Lord will continue to bless.—Rev. J. E. Kennedy, pastor.

THOMASVILLE, Ga.—We have just closed a four weeks' revival with Brother Clarence Wood of Rome, Georgia, doing the preaching. Fifteen were saved, twelve sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, and five added to the Church. The Lord surely blessed. One night the preacher didn't even get to preach. The altar was full every night. We surely thank the Lord for sending Brother and Sister Wood down our way, and pray that the Lord will continue to bless him in his work.

Our church was greatly revived. We truly appreciate our good pastor, Rev. E. E. O'Neal, and family. They have been such a wonderful blessing to our church. They have made several improvements on the church and parsonage.

Pray that God will continue to bless us in the work at Thomasville, and that new souls will be added to our flock.—Mrs. A. L. Thomas, 506 Campbell Street, Thomasville, Ga.

ERWIN, Tenn.—We have just closed one of the greatest revivals held at this place in many years, with Brother W. C. Weaver and his wife doing the preaching. A goodly number were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, and about twenty united with the Church of God. It is wonderful to see how the Lord is blessing us.

especially our young people. God is giving them the victory and they are praising His name for it. I believe we can truthfully say this has been one of the greatest years the Church of God has ever seen at this place. Our good pastor, Brother W. R. Wilbanks, is a real man of God. We are doing things for the Lord. Please pray for us at Erwin, Tenn.—Pat Peterson, clerk.

FREEBURN, Ky.—We have just closed a revival at Majestic, Ky., with Rev. O. A. Stump doing the preaching. We do not know the exact number saved but there were twenty-seven sanctified, twenty-seven baptized in water, about twenty-two filled with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-seven added to the church. Please pray for the church.—Wheeler Stump, pastor.

CALHOUN, Ga.—The church of God at Sugar Valley, Ga., was blessed with a great revival, beginning May 26 and ending June 15. Brother Noah Roberson of Yarbroughtown, Ga., Church of God, did the preaching. Night after night the Holy Ghost would take charge and waves of glory seemed to fill the house as the saints shouted the victory. Three were saved, four sanctified, four baptized with the Holy Ghost, two baptized in water, one added to the church, and the saints greatly blessed. Sugar Valley Church of God is also in a building program. Two Sunday School rooms are being built and the church made larger. Pray for our work here, that the Lord will be our leader in everything.—T. E. Hogan, pastor, Rt. 1.

We have just closed a very successful revival at the Mt. Olive, Ala., Church of God, Evangelist Emma Newman, of Pratt City, Ala., doing the preaching. She started the revival at the Mt. Olive church and ran two weeks, then she felt led to continue another week in the community near by. The Lord surely blessed us here during this revival. Four were saved, one sanctified, and five filled with the Holy Ghost. The saints were greatly encouraged to fight on until the victory is won. We had one addition to the church. We give the Lord the praise for what He has done for us

here. We also thank God for real Holy-Ghost-filled preachers, like Sister Newman, who are not afraid to preach the gospel with the power and demonstration of the Spirit. Glory to God! Rev. J. F. Brown and his good wife are here now to continue this revival.

Pray for us, that the Lord will give us many, many souls.—Mrs. Albert Williams, Rt. 1, Fruithurst, Ala.

MIDDLESBORO, Ky.—We closed a revival Sunday night, June 23, with Rev. Elmer Franklin as the evangelist. The first two weeks very little seemed to be accomplished, but on Monday night of the third week we had from six to nine in the altar. Three were saved, one sanctified, four baptized in water, and one added to the church.

Brother Franklin is a good evangelist and has gained many friends here. I believe the influence of this revival will live on.

We need your prayers at West Middlesboro, Ky.—J. L. Guthrie, Rt. 1, Box 60.

ERWIN, Tenn.—The Lord surely is blessing us here. We have just closed one of the best revivals the church has had in years. Brother Weaver, pastor at Valley Forge, and Sister Weaver did the preaching. They surely did some good preaching. The power of God would fall from night to night and the altar would fill each night. There were fifty saved, thirty-five sanctified, seventeen filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty added to the church, and twenty baptized in water. Most of these were teen-age boys and girls. I feel that a great outpouring of God's Spirit will be realized here and also at other places, for Jesus is soon coming and He is getting His people ready. Pray for us.—Rev. W. R. Wilbanks, pastor.

MT. CLINTON, Va.—We are praising God for an old time revival which started May 23 at the Church of God here at Mt. Clinton. Rev. L. S. Haymore of Danville, Va., was the evangelist. His wonderful preaching was enjoyed by all who heard him. The revival lasted three and one half weeks. Twenty-two were saved, twelve sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, seventeen baptized in water, and thirteen added to the Church of God. Praise God. The church is blessed and the revival spirit is still on. Pray for us.—Rev. Orville S. Shrlev, pastor.

# REPORTS... *From the Field*

## A Reminiscence of the Florida Camp Meeting

Another of the annual sessions of the Florida camp meeting, at Wimauma, has taken its place in the sacred memoir of thousands. To many it will be a memorial, commemorative of the time when peace came into their hearts. To all of us who were privileged to attend, it will be a memorabilia of ten days spent "mighty close to heaven."

The first service was attended by one of the largest crowds, the "old timers" say, ever. The crowds continued to increase and remain until this camp meeting became one of the best attended camp meetings, throughout, in its history. Twenty-seven new cottages had been built, nineteen trailers were brought, and still it was necessary to erect forty small tents and two large ones to accommodate the people. In view of the thousands of Holy-Ghost-filled people who were there, it could fittingly be called a little "holy city."

The great presence of God attended the first service and remained to touch every other service through the camp meeting. God was gracious in speaking to His people in tongues and interpretations several times. From the first sermon until the last, each speaker seemed to be filled with the fire of God. We were honored to have several of the great preachers from other states. A correct count of those blessed was virtually impossible, but it can safely be said that hundreds were blessed of God.

We were honored and blessed to have our Assistant General Overseer Rev. H. L. Chesser, with us in the state convention and through Sunday of the camp meeting. His great sermons and sound advice will constantly be remembered by all.

The reports showed a substantial increase for the work this year. Many great revivals were reported. One of the greatest, if not the greatest, building efforts of Florida's history is now on. Some of the finest buildings in the Church are being built in Florida this year. The state mission offering was better than \$16,000; the Orphanage offering, better than \$6,000. The re-

port obviously showed a unified effort of the ministry and laity, under the capable direction of our beloved overseer, W. E. Johnson, to do more for God.

Time and space will not permit me to tell all, even if I could find adequate words. I would need to mention the vacation Bible school, the fine musicians and singers, the Willing Workers' program, the young people's congress, and many, many other things, if I mentioned all the persons and things that made this camp meeting one of the best ever.

The camp meeting is ended, the thousands are returned home, the old campground again slumbers in perfect tranquility underneath the oaks with swaying Spanish moss. Yet, already, plans have been made to make the next camp meeting an even better one. Nine acres have been bought directly in front of the campground, reaching down to the lake, at a cost of \$5,000. This will give more camping space and helps to make the campground one of the most picturesque the Church has. Next year, we will have a six weeks' Bible school immediately after the camp meeting. So, as Jesus tarries, we work. If He should come before next camp meeting, then our next session will be in heaven.—Lewis J. Willis.

## News From the Church at Winston-Salem, N. C.

The Church of God here at Winston-Salem, N. C., is enjoying a great revival. We are now in the fifth week of this big tent revival. Winston-Salem is known as a hard town for holiness (especially because this is the largest tobacco city in the Nation). Despite this, God has given us fourteen souls thus far who have found Jesus as their Savior. Several have been sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and several added to the church.

Since the Assembly, there have been twenty-one added to the church. There have been large crowds in attendance at this revival. The power of God is felt definitely in every service. One Sunday during the revival, we had our home-coming and during that

service we raised \$1,960 for our home-coming. We are now ready to build a beautiful church, which is estimated to cost us approximately \$25,000, by the contractor. (We have previously reported that the home-coming offering fund was \$2,006. This was a miscalculation by the committee and corrected later.)

Our L. W. W. B. alone is raising hundreds of dollars for the new church building. Every department of the church has nearly doubled in attendance and offerings since the last Assembly. You can look for Winston-Salem Church of God, for we are determined to do great things for God and His Church.—Roland Verrico, pastor, 2117 Bertha St., Winston-Salem, N. C.

## Something To Be Thankful For

PATTON, Mo.—We are thanking and praising God for the work here at the Church of God in Patton, Mo. We came here in October, 1945, and found a few saints, the remains of the old disbanded church of '39. We rented a hall for \$10 a month and began church and Sunday School, and the Lord began to bless on every hand.

Today we have a new cobblestone church, 30x50, finished and paid for, valued at \$3,000. We have fourteen members and a bright outlook for many more in the near future. We had seventy-five in Sunday School Sunday.

We praise the Lord for three successful revivals. The last one, which closed Sunday night, was held by our beloved state overseer and his wife, Brother and Sister G. R. Watson. Seven were saved, one sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, three baptized in water, and two added to the church. Brother and Sister Watson were a great blessing to the church and community. We welcome them back as God permits. We have a wonderful community to live in and the most blessed people to work with.

By the help of the Lord, we are starting a parsonage, which is greatly needed. We covet your prayers as we work together for the Lord.—Barney Garrett, pastor.

The stretch of road may seem mean and prosaic, but we never know at what turn in the road there will break on us the gleaming towers of the City of God.—Hugh Black.

# TESTIMONIES

NORTHFORK, W. Va.—I thank the blessed Savior for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. I am fourteen years old.

I used to be nervous. I had different people to pray and anoint cloths for me. Finally, one night it seemed like something said to me, "Go, and get the Evangel and lay it on you." I did and the Lord healed me. I promised God if He would heal me, I would put my testimony in the Evangel.

Pray for my father who is out in sin, also an unspoken request.—Lillian Baker, Northfork, W. Va.

## He Is Precious to Me

TROY, Tenn.—I praise God for healing me. He is so precious to me. I sent in a request to the Publishing House for prayer. God touched me and I am now up and doing my work. Continue to pray for me, that I'll gain more strength in body and be able to be an overcomer.—Mrs. Z. Davis.

## Healed of T. B. and Cancer

CATLETTSBURG, Ky.—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am so glad I can testify to what my Savior has done for me. He saved me from sin. I will never forget when the burden of sin rolled away in 1914. I was saved and sanctified and two years later, 1916, He wonderfully baptized me with the Holy Ghost and has kept me with victory all these years. After I received the Holy Ghost, I trusted God for the healing of my body. I was in bad health at that time. The doctor said one of my lungs was about gone. Brother Rouse prayed for me and the Lord healed me. Oh, He has done so many good things for me. I had a cancer on my face, and it got so bad it was affecting my eye. When we had our district convention in April, 1945, I was prayed for on Saturday night, April 21. Brother Milligan, our state overseer, anointed me, and, thank the Lord, He touched my body and healed me. The cancer began to go away a little at a time until it was all gone, leaving my face without a scar. Thank the dear Lord, I give Him all the praise. I know He is the one who did it. I could mention many times that the Lord has helped me. I do believe He has added days to my life because

I have served Him.—Mrs. Anna Poole, 3635 Park Ave.

## Believe God Will Heal

BALDWIN, Fla.—I thank God for His wonderful healing power. On the morning of March 24, my boy was stricken very sick with a slight heart attack. Prayer was the only thing that I thought would do him good. I sent for Brother and Sister Alfred Simmons to pray for him. They came and when they started praying God touched him and he was healed. He has been in good health ever since. He is twenty-five years old and has been crippled all his life, but I know God can make a normal man out of him. I believe with all my heart God is going to heal him completely.

Please pray for me that I will stand true to Jesus until the end. Pray for my unsaved family.—Lealer Harris.

## God Is Working

CAVE CITY, Ark.—Dear Saints, God is working. Oh, I know He has touched my body. I walked with my granddaughter to the Wednesday night prayer meeting. Our good pastor, Brother E. E. Malone, brought us back home. Pray for my eight dear children and their families. Four of them belong to the Church of God, the other four are Christians but not as close to God as they should be. One has the blessing but doesn't belong to any church yet. My baby girl belongs to the church but doesn't have the full blessing. The Holy Ghost abides with me. Praise God.—Mrs. A. M. Marlin, Rt. 2.

## I Took Him at His Word

SELMA, Ala.—Greetings, folks, in the name of Jesus. I do praise the Lord for His goodness to me. I'm glad for that day when I found Him precious to my soul. It is wonderful to have a Savior we can trust with our soul and body. I thought a few months ago, when my nose got sore and would not heal, that I had a cancer. How I prayed and talked to the Lord about it, and He came to my rescue so many times. I wanted to consult a doctor for a long, long time, but it seemed as though the Lord wanted me to wait on Him. I felt like if I went to the doctor and he gave me any treatments at all, my nose would not get

well, so I held on to God and took Him at His word. I began to ask the folks at church to pray for me. One night I was called to go around to our preacher's house to pray for his baby and while I was around there, I had the saints to anoint my nose. I felt that healing power as it surged through my body. Bless His name! My nose is as well as it ever was and I'm happy today. The Lord has reminded me at the dead hours of midnight to write this piece. Pray for me when you pray.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Taylor, 1909 Griffin Ave., Selma, Ala.

## Saved While in the Army

Dear Evangel Readers, I praise God for His many blessings. How sweet it is to know that Jesus has washed all your sins away! The Lord has blessed me so many times. Praise His name. While I was in the Army, the Lord helped me in so many ways. After I went overseas, I often wondered why it was I had to leave home and go to a distant country to fight in a horrible war. But, thank God, I know now. He said He would take care of those who trust Him. Although I was on the battlefield, the Lord took care of me so that no serious harm came to me. Praise His name! He showed me He could take care of me over there as well as over here. Oh, I praise God for taking care of me!

The Lord saved me while I was in the Army. Since I have been home, He has sanctified me and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. Praise His sweet name! I ask all you dear saints to pray for me that I will remain true and do His will.—George Boone, Rt. 3, Rocky Mount, N. C.

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Fla.—I truly thank the Lord for healing my body. I had suffered with pains, muscle and joint neuralgia, pains in my shoulders and stiff joints over two years. One day I took one of the precious little Evangel, pressed it to my arms, neck and head and prayed to the Lord, "Please bless and heal my body." Glory to His dear name, today I am healed of those pains.

Then I had a pain in my right lung. I took my Evangel and pressed it to my breast. Oh, praise the Lord, that pain is gone. I am sure we are serving a mighty, loving God. He knows, He sees us, He cares and hears and answers our prayer. Bless His name!

Pray that I will be true and faithful till the end. Oh, I thank God for salvation.—Sister Lula Stephens, Rt. 6.

## CONSECRATION

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*which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick."*

Go out and seek the lost. Ask God to give you an opportunity to witness for Him, and do not fail when you have the opportunity. Seek out those who have been wounded through hard or unkind words or through being indifferent toward them. Bind up their wounds with words of love. Visit the sick and encourage them in the Lord. The prayer of faith shall heal the sick. Be kind and tenderhearted, forgiving others as God forgave you. Establish a divine relationship with God, being able to feel His great omnipotence at all times. Meditate on God's Word and observe His ways. Then walk in His ways for His ways are not our ways. We must "present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service." Nothing unreasonable, but just what we are supposed to do if we are a child of God. We must love God with our whole heart, soul, and might. Seek to love Him. If we really want to be consecrated, we will put our hearts and minds on God and His Word and strive to stay in the holy place, obeying all His teachings.

### II. Turn to God With Your Whole Heart.

Prov. 3:5, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding."

We must put our trust in Him. He is able to keep our souls. He is able to make us strong in Him if we will trust Him with all our hearts. Surrendering all to Him, dying daily to self and abiding in His will, saying, "Not my will but thine be done."

Joel 2:12, "Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning." Fast and pray, weep and mourn before God until you feel that sweet communion and fellowship through His precious Holy Spirit. Forget about food for your body and think of your soul. Be determined to get on higher ground. Seek to be perfect before God. We must continually consecrate our lives to God. We read in 2 Kings 13:18,19, about the King of Israel who only smote the ground thrice with the arrows when he should have smitten five or six times. Then he would have consumed the enemy. But he failed to smite enough, showing his indifference or slothfulness. We cannot conquer the enemy if we pray once or twice, but we must pray until we have

"complete victory," and then continue to pray daily without ceasing. A consecrated life is a life in the attitude of prayer continually. There is a sweet essence of "surrendered will" in our life, feeling His divine presence over us in our own hearts, minds and bodies. Oh, to be like the Psalmist David, "As the heart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God." We can be like David, setting our goal for a heart that will constantly pant after God, praying and seeking until we have reached our goal, and living a pure, holy consecrated life, watching for His blessed appearance.

## WASHINGTON STATE CONVENTION AND CAMP MEETING

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to us with their special singing. Other special music and singing was rendered by Rev. James Young, a colored minister, and some of his singers, Rev. R. H. Klaudt and family, Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Sullivan, Miss Evelyn Shirts, Brother Dean Sherbann, Rev. W. H. Ward, Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Coleman and family, and others.

Rev. Coleman, principal of the Spokane Bible School, conducted the Bible classes each morning. The host pastor, Brother Bruce Hughes, and his wife and the entertainment committee did a fine job of making every one feel welcome. The Willing Work-

ers' Bands, under the supervision of Sister Rains, brought in some excellent reports, and we feel that everyone went home more inspired to work for God and His Church in a financial way.

I would like to express our love and appreciation for our state overseer, Rev. C. C. Rains, who worked so hard to make the camp meeting a success, and to all the committees who performed their duties so faithfully.

Pray for us in Washington, that God will bless the efforts of His ministers here. The Northwest is a new field for the Church of God and we need more God-called ministers who are willing to make a sacrifice for God in this needy place.—Mrs. E. E. Coleman, convention clerk.

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## NATIONAL Y.P.E. CONTEST PROGRAM

The National Youth Program Committee announces a Nation-wide Y.P.E. Program Contest. The purpose of the contest is to get together a selection of good programs for the Y.P.E., and publish them together so that Y.P.E.'s throughout the Church may have a source of obtaining program material.

A prize of \$25 will be awarded to the individual who sends in the best program, and a second prize of \$15 will be awarded the person who sends in the second best program.

### RULES OF THE CONTEST ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Program should be simple, and adaptable to use in young people's services.
2. Program must be outlined in detail, and sufficient in length to include the devotional part of the service.
3. Any minister or member is eligible to enter any number of programs in the contest.
4. Closing date of the contest will be noon of the last day of the National Youth Congress, August 28.

Subject matter of the programs is not limited to any given field but may touch on a number of subjects, such as missions, orphanage, special days (Christmas, New Year's, Easter, Thanksgiving, etc.), or any of a great number of such subjects.

All programs sent in will become property of the Church of God Youth Program Committee, and decision of the judges will be final. Every person sending in a program will receive, free, a book containing a selection of the best programs. Programs will be judged on the basis of *interest, originality, and usefulness to the cause of YOUTH*.

Send your material, with your complete name and address, to Ralph E. Williams, Corresponding Secretary, National Youth Committee, P. O. Box 11, Cleveland, Tenn.

## B. T. S. SPEAKS . . .

### Valedictory Address

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is a success until he is willing to lose his soul to save it, and no man is defeated until he fails. I once read a passage about Shakespeare's lines which read:

*"There is a tide in the affairs of men, which taken at the flood leads on to fortune; omitted, all the voyage of their lives is bound up in shallows and miseries."*

This passage, the author went on to say, has caused a host of men and women to feel that some early misfortune had caused them to miss the flood tide of their experience and hence the voyage of their life is bound up in shallows and miseries. This, however, is not true. The ocean ebbs as well as flows and it does both twice in twenty-four hours. The mariner who sees the flood does not abandon his voyage. Neither does he deliberately sail into the shallows. He simply waits for the next flood.

There is always another chance for those who are willing to get up, shake the dust of defeat from themselves, soothe their bruises and try again. And remember, classmates, it is always worth trying again the building of a Christlike character, because:

*The Amarathine Crown is character. When the whole world breaks to ashes, character will stay. When punctual death comes knocking at the door, To lead the soul upon the unknown road, Character is the only crown not flung aside. By his fastidious hand. To the crowned soul, The path of death is but an upward way.*

*Touched by the crown of character a man is king, indeed, And carries fate and freedom in his breast; And when his house of clay falls ruin- ing, The soul is out upon the path of stars! This is the crown God sees through all our show.*

*The one thing that is stronger than the years, That tears the kingdoms down. Imperious time, Pressing a wasteful hand on mortal things, Reveals this fair extremity in man, A power that rises even from the tomb,*

*And lays its austere scepter on Today.*

*The beggar may earn character with the king, And tread an equal palace full of light. Fleet youth may seize this crown; Slow-footed age may wear its immor- tality.*

*Behold!*

*Its power can change bare rafters to a home.*

*Sweetened with hopes and hushed with memories, Can change a pit into a holy tomb, Where pilgrims keep the watches of the night.*

*Can change an earthly face until it shines,*

*Touched with unearthly beauty. It can turn a prison to a temple of the soul,*

*A gallows to an altar. In its might, A reed did once become a scepter; Yes, a cross became a throne; A crown of thorns,*

*A symbol of the power above the world.*

Classmates, I bid you a fond farewell. May God bless you and remember that not what a man has or what he does makes him a success or failure, but what he is.

## STUMBLING AND FALLING

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loving. Such people are wide open to falls!

### "THOUGH HE FALL—"

When a soldier falls in battle, his country usually provides for his care and seeks to restore him to health, if possible. When a Christian soldier "falls" while in the thick of the fight against sin and Satan, God has made gracious provision to restore him once more. "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. *Though he fall*, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand," Psa. 37:23, 24. "For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief," Prov. 24:16.

Satan, on the other hand, likes to see Christians fall victims to his dastardly cunning. When he does succeed in tripping a loyal Christian and causing him to fall from grace, he works with fiendish vigor to keep that one's thoughts introspective—upon his fall, his shame, his disgrace. Satan endeavors to have his victim forget that there is mercy with the Lord, a helping hand reaching down to lift him up again. Satan tries to silence his tongue; to keep him from crying unto the Lord

for help (Psa. 34:6).

God knows this. Christ, our Advocate (1 John 2:1) "Himself hath suffered being tempted," and "he is able to succour them that are tempted" (Heb. 2:18) among His people today—and graciously to lift them up again. God has provided a way back for those of His who fall, and who will look to Him for help.

### WE NEED NOT FALL

No Christian worthy of the name wants to fall. Falling of any type is unpleasant. We ought to seek ways to prevent stumbling. When tourists seek to cross dangerous mountains or to climb steep mountain peaks they do not go alone. They have a guide, the best obtainable. And then, if they are at all wise, they do not ignore the advice and leading of their guide on the way. Furthermore, they keep close to him, sometimes being tied to him with ropes, in order to escape falling into dangerous holes, over steep cliffs, or becoming lost.

The Father has provided a Guide for all who will follow Him (John 3:16). He knows the way. He has trod the way before us, and has endured the same temptations (Heb. 4:15). He will take us through safely—if we treat Him as a Guide. He is near and willing to help always (Matt. 28:20). If we fall, it will be our fault, not His. Our fall may be due to a lack of "watching" and "praying" (Matt. 26:41) or through failure to make proper use of the "way to escape" which is provided (2 Cor. 10:12). "Watch ye therefore, and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things," Luke 21:36.

No, we do not wish to fall. We shall not try to fall. But if we fall, or slip, or stumble, on the way—as Christians—"we HAVE an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous," 1 John 2:1. He will take hold of our hand and raise us up again to peace of heart and usefulness in God's service, if we will allow Him to do so. This is one thing we may not forget. It is something Satan desperately wants the depressed, despondent, slipping, stumbling Christian to forget!

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